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## CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #1-2

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TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: Minnesota State Building Conservation Code

CODE REFERENCE: MN Rule 1311

*“THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH THE SUPERVISORS.” Thank you.*

The Minnesota State Building Conservation Code (also known as Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings – or GRUB), a copy of which is on file in the Fire Prevention Library, is the **minimum construction standard for the addition, alteration, repair, and change of occupancy of existing buildings**. Instead of remodeling existing buildings to the standards of the building code for new buildings, a property owner can choose to meet the building code or this conservation code.

In any case, **all existing buildings must first meet the requirements of the Minnesota State Fire Code**, as modified in Code Enforcement Policies.

The conservation code is not a code that we enforce. It is a building code enforced by the building official in DSI. However, **provisions of the conservation code may be used as alternate methods of compliance with the fire code where approved by the Fire Marshal, through your supervisor.**